



University
of Victoria

MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate of the University of Victoria was held on March 7, 2008 at 3:30 p.m. in the University Centre, Room A180.

The Vice-Chair of Senate, Dr. Peter Keller, was in the chair.

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion: (G. Robinson/R. Mitchell)
That the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

2. MINUTES

Motion: (L. Cross/M. Miller)
That the minutes of the open session of the meeting of the Senate, held on February 1, 2008, be approved and that the approved minutes be circulated in the usual way.

CARRIED

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a. Item 8.d. – University website

Dr. Mitchell commented that there had been some updates to the university's proposed new website and that access to the library and various departments had improved.

4. REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

Dr. Keller reported on the death of a student in residence. Dr. Keller, on behalf of the university and Senate, offered condolences to the family and friends of the student.

Dr. Keller indicated that the President's report would be provided at the next meeting.

a. Research Update

Dr. Howard Brunt provided an update on research activities at the university by means of a powerpoint presentation. The highlights of his presentation included:

Canadian Foundation for Innovation (CFI)

- The upcoming internal competition for 2008/09 CFI funding has a potential envelope of \$20 million;
- A CFI Outcomes Measurement Initiative is being conducted.

NEPTUNE/VENUS:

- Last week the university secured operating funding for NEPTUNE for a 2-year period from CFI, NSERC and the provincial government;
- The university is continuing to meet with the federal government to secure long-term funding;
- VENUS is now up and running and is being widely used across the country and internationally;
- Plans for the new marine sciences centre in Sidney include receiving data from NEPTUNE and VENUS so that the public can view it.

Special Initiatives:

- A review of the university's research centres is being conducted to explore how integration with academic units could be improved. The committee plans to issue a report by June;
- The Health Education and Research Council Initiative led through the Offices of the Vice-President Academic and Provost and the Vice-President Research attempt to bring together health, education and research activities in a new way. Those involved are meeting to consider some potential multidisciplinary programs, which would come to Senate for approval;
- A task force is looking at opportunities to enhance the civic engagement, which is part of the strategic plan;
- Over the past 3 years the university has seen a steady increase in funding from the granting councils. For 2007, the university has submitted the same amount of applications to the granting councils. The real increase in research funding is coming from contracts with NGOs, industry and business.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Office of the Ombudsperson

i. 2007 Annual Report

Ms. Martine Conway, Ombudsperson provided a brief overview of the report, noting that 2008 is the 30 year anniversary of the office.

Mr. Robinson congratulated the Ms. Conway on her report and urged deans and others to read it.

Motion: (T. Haskett/G. Robinson)
That the Senate receive, with thanks, the 2007 Annual Report of the Office of the Ombudsperson.

CARRIED

6. PROPOSALS AND REPORTS FROM SENATE COMMITTEES

a. Senate Committee on Academic Standards

i. 2007/08 Annual Report

Dr. Baer provided some brief comments on the report and reported that a sub-committee was actively working on implementation of Senate's recommendations on "With Distinction" for the top 20% of graduates, and on the percentage grading system. He noted the high number of students receiving "With Distinction" as outlined in the report. He indicated that the committee might have some recommendations for Senate on the implementation once it has received all of the Deans' responses a recent questionnaire. He encouraged those Deans who had yet to respond to complete the survey.

In reference to a motion from Academic Standards passed by Senate earlier in the year, Dr. Monahan commented that provincial examinations were still required at UBC and SFU. Dr. Baer reported that the future of these exams was still under discussion at these institutions. The committee's concern in recommending that Senate eliminate the provincial exam requirement was primarily to ensure fairness to applicants, but the committee could re-examine the issue if Senate directed it to.

Motion: (R. Anthony/A. Monahan)
That the Senate receive, with thanks, the 2007/08 Annual Report of the Senate Committee on Academic Standards.

CARRIED

b. Senate Committee on Awards

i. New and revised undergraduate awards

Motion: (R. Burke/M. Kennedy)
That the Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors for its approval, the following new and revised awards submitted by the Senate Committee on Awards:

Bob Wright Scholarships (new)
Mary and Allan Stubbs Memorial Bursary (new)
*Richard L. Williams Memorial Scholarship (new)**
*Miss Kathleen Ruane Undergraduate Bursary (new)**
*Sir Winston Churchill Scholarship (new)**
Mobb Medical Ltd. Bursary (new)
*Engineering Students' Society Stream "B" Award
for Community Involvement (new)*
*Lois M. Smith Athletes' Award (new)**
*Hector McDonald Scholarship in Greek and Roman
Studies (new)**
*Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists
of British Columbia (Victoria Branch) Bursary (revised)*
*Keith Provost Memorial Scholarship in Theatre (revised)**
*Matthew Prentice Bursary (revised)**
*Audrey Mawby Canadian Federation of University Women
(CFUW) Saanich Peninsula Bursary (new)**
*World University Service of Canada (WUSC) Student
Refugee Program Bursary (revised)*
The President's Scholarships (revised)
BC College Transfer Scholarship (revised)

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Dr. Mitchell asked why the President Scholarships were stated as being revised. Dr. Burke reported that the award had formerly been called "part-time scholarships" and the name had been revised. It was still intended for students on part-time courses.

Dr. Monahan pointed out that that the terms of the Bob Wright Scholarships were different than the terms for the Bob Wright graduate awards. He noted that there was no statement in the undergraduate terms of reference that the recommendation should come from the Faculty of Science. Dr. Burke responded that the request was implicit.

A question was raised as to how the Sir Winston Churchill Scholarship could be administered fairly given its very broad terms of reference. Dr. Burke reported that the committee did discuss this award at some length, and that the terms of reference had caused some consternation. The university went back to the funding source and they were insistent on the wording. Dr. Burke indicated that normally when dealing with very specific criteria

requested by donors, they give the wording to the relevant department and ask whether they can be implemented. The departments in question would have confirmed this.

CARRIED

c. Senate Committee on Nominations and Committee Governance

i. Appointments to the Senate Standing Committee

Motion (J. Wood/A. Lepp)

That Senate appoint the following representatives to the Senate standing committees:

- Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees – Andrew Harding (until June 30, 2008);
- Senate Committee on Libraries – Brenda Weatherston (until June 30, 2010).

CARRIED

d. Senate Committee on Planning

i. Establishment of Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions (PICS)

As Dr. Brunt had given a powerpoint presentation at the last Senate meeting, he provided a brief update on the proposal. He reported that the funding had been approved and the government would be providing the funds. The university would receive it on March 31, 2008 and the endowment would be administered through the University of Victoria Foundation. There would be \$4.5 million for the first year of funding. Dr. Brunt reported that the President was in Ottawa making presentations to the federal government. He reported that graduate fellowships would be available this fall and that a call had been issued at the four universities involved in the institute. He noted that there has been great interest in nationally and internationally.

Dr. Mitchell asked whether the new institute would be subject to periodic review. Dr. Brunt responded that the institute would be subject to periodic review just like other centres.

Motion: (T. Pederson/M. Miller)

That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, subject to funding, the designation of the **Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions** as an approved Centre subject to periodic review as described

in the attached documents, according to the Policy for the Establishment and Review of Research Centres and Groups

CARRIED

- ii. Graduate Diploma in International Child and Youth Care and Development

Dr. Mateer reported that this had originally been approved on a one-time basis, but that it had been highly successful and was therefore being recommended for approval on a continuing basis.

Motion: (A. Devor/M. Purkis)

That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors that is also approve the establishment of a **Graduate Diploma in International Child and Youth Care and Development** to be offered by the School of Child and Youth Care, Faculty of Human and Social Development and the Faculty of Graduate Studies, as described in the document entitled “Graduate Diploma in International Child and Youth Care and Development”, dated November 2, 2007 and that this approval be withdrawn if the program should not be offered within five years of the granting of the approval.

CARRIED

7. PROPOSALS AND REPORTS FROM FACULTIES

- a. Faculty of Graduate Studies: Graduate Admissions and Awards Committee
 - i. New and revised graduate awards

Dr. Burke inquired whether the terms of reference for the Margot K. Louis Award were based on excellence as there was no description in the material before Senate. Dr. Devor agreed that the terms of reference for the award could be better worded and said that he would like to take it back to the committee for further review. It was agreed that this was a friendly amendment and that the motion would be amended to remove the Margot K. Louis award from the list of awards to be approved.

Amended Motion: (J. Dower/A. Devor)

That the Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors for its approval, the following new and revised awards submitted by the Faculty of Graduate Studies:

Mobb Medical Ltd. Scholarship
*Alice Lou-Poy Graduate Scholarship**
*Dr. Shelley Anne Martin Memorial Scholarship**
*Miss Kathleen Ruane Bursary**
Bob Wright Graduate Scholarships
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CARRIED

8. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Enrolment Projections for 2008/09

Dr. Mateer provided a report on behalf of the Vice President Academic and Provost. Dr. Mateer reported that there had been an increase of 395, 126 of whom are graduate students. The university had received confirmation from the ministry that the 126 graduate seats proposed were approved. She reported that the university had not met its target for 2007/08 due to a number of challenges including a strong economy, an increase in post-secondary capacity and a resulting drop in college transfers. Very high priority was being given to student recruitment and enrolment management.

Dr. Mitchell asked whether this meant there would be no cut-offs for undergraduate applicants. Dr. Mateer reported that cut-offs were different in the various faculties depending on the enrolment. Dr. Mitchell commented that it would be useful to have this information.

Dr. Turner inquired about the impact of the economy, and whether the university predicts that a slow down in the economy might help enrolments. Dr. Mateer commented that many young people were still being drawn by a strong construction industry, and that the impact of a slow down would depend on the sectors affected.

Motion: (M. Purkis/K. Mateer)

That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors that it approve, a projected annualized enrolment target of 16,985 FTE for the 2008-09 academic year, subject to revision in the event of new information regarding mandated growth, funding levels, and application rates.

CARRIED

b. University Orators

Dr. Mitchell, as chair of the Convocation Committee reported to Senate that the committee was recommending some updated terms of reference for orators, as well as new appointments.

Dr. Serra asked Dr. Mitchell what the qualifications for becoming an orator are. Dr. Mitchell responded that potential orators had to be able to craft the oration, deliver it and be prepared to attend convocation. Dr. Serra commented that whilst she appreciated the orators, she would like to see greater cultural diversity in the roster of orators.

Motion: (R. Mitchell/J. Wood)

That the Senate approve the revised Terms of Reference for Orators and the associated procedures for their appointment.

CARRIED

Motion: (R. Mitchell/J. Wood)

That the Senate appoint the following:

1. Dr. Anthony Jenkins as University Orator for a term from March 8, 2008 until June30, 2011;
2. Prof. Juliana Saxton as Deputy University Orator for a term from March 8, 2008 until June 30, 2010 ;
3. Dr. Bradley Anholt as Orator for a term from March 8, 2008 until June 30, 2011;
4. Dr. Christine St. Peter as Orator for a term from March 8, 2008 until June 30, 2011;
5. Dr. Christina Kieka Mynhardt as Orator for a term from March 8, 2008 until June 30, 2011;
6. Prof. Judith Terry as Orator for a term from March 8, 2008 until June 30, 2011; and,
7. Dr. Michael Prince as Orator for a term from March 8, 2008 until June 30, 2011.

CARRIED

c. Elections Update

Dr. Eastman reported that the results of the members-at-large elections to the Senate and Board of Governors were available on her office's web pages, and a document listing the newly elected members had been distributed at the meeting. She indicated that the elections for students to Board would close tonight and the elections for students to Senate had been extended. Dr. Eastman also informed Senate that the call for nominations for faculty specific representatives would be made soon. Dr. Keller congratulated all those elected, and thanked all that had put their names forward for their willingness to serve.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the open meeting of Senate was adjourned at 4:22 p.m.